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PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

Per Case. Per Bottle.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule, \$1.00.

B Vintage, Superior quality, Red Capsule, 1.10.

C Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled), 1.25.

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled), 1.50.

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, 0.60.

B Su. color Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule, 0.75.

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule, 1.00.

CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule, 1.00.

D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice, Old Wine, White Seal Capsule, 1.00.

E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), 1.52.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule, \$4.50.

B St. Etienne, Red Capsule, 5.00.

C St. Julien, 7.50.

D La Rose, 11.00.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule, \$1.10.

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule, 1.25.

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule, 1.50.

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule, 2.00.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule, 0.75.

B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, 0.75.

C Watson's Aboulin-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 0.75.

D Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule, 1.00.

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule, 1.10.

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule, 0.75.

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule, 1.00.

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule, 1.10.

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Emerald Red Capsule, with Name, 1.00.

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A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule, 0.40.

B Fine Unweathered, White Capsule, 0.40.

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva, 0.50.

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule, 1.00.

Good Leeward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Herling's Cherry Cordial, Curaçao, Dr. Siegert's Angostura, Chartreuse, Bitters, &c.

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BIRTH.

At 52, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 30th ulto, the wife of Mr. D. S. MURRAY, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 1st January, 1890, at the R. C. Church, Kluangho, by the Rev. Father J. J. Baptiste, JOHN THOMAS COTTON, I. M. Customs, the Elder Son, of William Cotton, Cornet, England, to IONACIA MARIA PEREIRA, the Eldest Daughter of the late C. Pereira, Hongkong.

At the Cathedral, Shanghai, on New Year's Day, ALICE MAIRIE SAUNDERS, to WILLIAM HENRY FREEMAN, both of London.

DEATH.

At Tokyo, on the 28th December, H. A. HOWE, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1890.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Havas Agency.)

THE SENATE AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES have adjourned their sittings.

PARIS, December 31st.

Admiral CLOS is dead.

December 26th.

THE INFLUENZA.

The epidemic has increased to a very large extent, and is causing pneumonia and considerable mortality.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U.S.S. *Monocacy* left Shanghai for a trip up the Yangtze on the 2nd inst.

THE members of the A.D.C. will repeat "All Baba" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Shanghai*, from London, left Singapore yesterday at 6 a.m. for this port.

It is announced that Mr. Robert G. Bredon will shortly take up the position of Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai.

THE agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" Line steamer *Bengalee* left Singapore for Hongkong this morning.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Jan. 5th, are:—Europeans 133; Chinese 1,761; total 1,894.

THE steamer *McBeth* was ashore, five miles south of Wooning, on the 1st inst. She was still aground when latest advice left Shanghai.

ANOTHER batch of Chinese troops arrived at Tamsui the other day by the steamer *Smith*, reinforced Governor Lin Min-chuan's army now in the field against the Formosan aborigines.

ON Saturday the harbour-master at Macao was examining a revolver, when it went off, and shot a constable belonging to the Water Police in the chest *thoracica*, which we take to mean his chest.

AN Emergency meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 525, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE *Japan Gazette* says that the steamer *Wuyuen*, 1,108 tons register, Capt. Brotherton, changed her flag to Japanese on the 21st ulto, having been purchased by Mr. Tanaka Heihachi for £20,500 and named the *Sorachi Maru*.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* says there is no truth in the rumour that a vessel of the Chinese fleet was captured by the Japanese on the 21st ulto, and is being towed to Korea. It is the Japanese gun-boat *Banjo Kan* which has been surveyed there, and according to current reports, she has done much useful work there.

AN ingenious individual was caught by Detective Hadden about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, cutting the aprons off "rickshaws." He had got three, including one off a private vehicle, and is suspected of having done a lot of similar depredations recently. He admitted the charge this morning, and was remanded for the purpose of having his antecedents looked up.

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SHARE business has been rather quiet to-day, although the tone of the market is decidedly healthy. Profits have been "see-sawing" as usual, and Land Investments are in strong demand.

MESSRS. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamship *Alyssina* has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, via Kobe and Nagasaki, to-morrow.

THE *Chiao* correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, writing on the 26th ulto, says:—"It is reported here that a sad accident occurred at Houki on the 18th inst., when a native boat containing one of the light-keepers, Mr. Kroker, is said to have capsized as it was proceeding either to or from the mainland, and nothing has since been seen either of the sampan-men or Mr. Kroker."

YESTERDAY afternoon, about four o'clock, a house in Station Street, above Possession Street, got on fire, through some children playing with crackers, it is supposed. The awkwardness of the approaches prevented the Fire Brigade from getting streams on very quickly, and Nos. 3, 5, and 7 were destroyed. They were tall tenements, occupied by numerous families of Chinese, but no casualties are reported. There are about 200 persons left entirely destitute, however.

THE *Sinh Pao* of December 31st has the following:—"The Government of Peking, who is connected with one of the Boards and whose information is thoroughly trustworthy, sends us the pleasing intelligence that H. E. Li Hung-chang is exercising himself, in conjunction with His Highness the Seventh Prince, to represent to the Throne the desirability and necessity of introducing a new system of silver coinage such as that already obtaining in other countries. It is understood that the matter has not been definitely memorialized, as H. E. the Viceroy desires to have the way paved beforehand in order to frustrate the two probable oppositions of his enemies and other obstructionists. One of the salient arguments in favour of a new system of coinage is the fact that, already through the maritime provinces the foreign silver dollar and other coins of smaller value are in extensive use, and they prove a source of the greatest convenience in trade. Why should not our Government coin our dollars instead of allowing an extraneous currency to circulate in our midst? Moreover, the present system of cash tickets, whereby every irresponsible bank or cash shop is permitted to issue their notes at lib, gives rise to an endless amount of fraud, and the evil can only be removed by the Government introducing a national currency and reserving to itself the right of issuing notes as legal tender. We warmly anxiously the development of His Excellency's proposals."

WHENLOCK & Co., in their Freight Market Report, dated 31st January say:—"With only a moderate quantity of tea to go forward before the close of the season, yet fairly large business has been done since publication, and but little difficulty experienced in filling strawers' allotted space. On the departure of the *Chingwa* rates advanced 5/- per ton and there was every indication of a further rise, but for reasons best known to more competent judges than ourselves they were brought down to their old level, viz. 25/-; what benefit it is to be gained by this move we fail to see. Coastwise—There is no enquiry and the regular liners are sufficient to supply the wants. Nagasaki to Shanghai, —Business is very dull and rates of freight continue to rule low. For London, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal, —The P. & O. S. N. Co. Steamship *Achille* leaves to-day with a fair quantity of cargo. Rate of freight 30s per ton. The C. S. M. S. N. Co. Steamship *Kaitow* now due from Japan takes the berth and will load at 25s per ton. For New York, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal, —The Pen Line steamship *Bendaki* is now loading and will on 5th inst. She takes but a poor cargo owing to the cheap rates offered by steamers via London. The Glen Line steamship *Glenorchy* due from Japan shortly will follow. V. A. the Cape: The American ship *Imperial* will sail about 5th inst., calling at Hongkong to load. The steamship *Glenorchy* via Foochow on 21st ultimo; steamship *Glenorchy* via Amoy and Swatow on 22nd; steamship *Hongkong* via Marseilles and London on 22nd; steamship *Chingwa* on 28th. Departure for New York via Suez Canal—Quotations are—Chefoo to Swatow, 15 Mx. cents per picul. Nagasaki to Shanghai, \$1.00 per ton of coal net, for steamers. Settlement during the fortnight—Nil. Disengaged vessels in port—*Earl Granville*, British ship; *Gerard C. Tobey*, American ship; *Karnak*, British barque; *Willis Reed*, American ship.

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